WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method, comprising the steps of:

5   receiving a request to make a change to a new identity context for an identity; and

mapping said new identity context to a device context for a device associated with said identity.

10   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving said request to make said change to said new identity context for said identity includes receiving said request from an identity context oriented application.

3.   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of mapping said new identity 15   context to said device context for said device associated with said identity includes determining said device.

4.   The method of claim 3, wherein said step of mapping said new identity context to said device context for said device associated with said identity includes 20   determining said device context associated with said device.

5.   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of mapping said new identity context to said device context for said device associated with said identity includes accessing a mapping table.

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6.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
            determining said device.

7.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
30   determining said device context for said device.

8.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

providing data indicative of said device context.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein said step of providing data indicative of said device context includes providing said data indicative of said device context to a

5 presence and availability service.

10. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
changing an identity context for said identity from a first context to said new context in response to said request.

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11. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of:
providing data indicative of said new context.

12. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

15 registering with a presence and availability service.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein said step of providing data indicative of said device context includes providing said data indicative of said device context to said presence and availability service.

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14. The method of claim 1, further comprising steps of:
detecting a new device context for a second device, wherein said second device is associated with a second identity; and
mapping said new device context to an identity context for said second

25 identity.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein said step of detecting said new device context for said second device includes detecting said new device context in a presence and availability service.

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16. The method of claim 14, wherein said step of detecting said new device context for said second device includes receiving a request to change said second

device's device context.

17.   The method of claim 14, wherein said step of mapping said new device context to said identity context for said second identity includes determining said

5   second identity.

18.   A method, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request to make a change to a new identity context for an identity;

10   changing an identity context for said identity from a first context to said new context in response to said request;

mapping said new identity context to a device context for a device associated with said identity; and

providing data indicative of said device context.

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19.   The method of claim 18, wherein said step of providing data indicative of said device context includes providing said data indicative of said device context to a presence and availability service.

20   20.   An article of manufacture comprising:

a computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause said processor to:

receive a request to make a change to new identity context for an identity; and

25   map said new identity context to a device context for a device associated with said identity.

21.   An apparatus, comprising:

a processor;

30   a communication port coupled to said processor and adapted to communicate with at least one device; and

a storage device coupled to said processor and storing instructions

adapted to be executed by said processor to:

receive a request to make a change to new identity context for an identity; and

map said new identity context to a device context for a device associated with said identity.

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